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The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, FEBRUARY 24TH, 1906.

It is somewhat surprising to read that one of the results of the enquiry into the military stores scandals in South Africa is that the system adopted by the Japanese will be in all probability followed in future by the British Army. What that exact system is is not stated; but it may be presumed to be something not beyond the powers of average business talent, if backed with average faithfulness in the discharge of duty. That a proper system of check could be devised, as to the issue of military stores, even without the assistance of Japanese methods will hardly be considered beyond the powers of English business men, if they really intend that the best shall be done to safeguard the interests of the Government in the matter. What really is required is that a higher standard of honour, or, to speak more plainly, of honesty, should be enforced in matters of the kind. The weak point of the whole thing, as displayed by the evidence which has been elicited by the Commission, is really in a nutshell. It is nothing more nor less than general acceptance of the idea that it is not disgraceful to do towards a Government what anyone with the smallest sense of right would refrain from doing in dealing with an ordinary individual. In almost every instance that has been brought forward, there has been evidence of collusion between persons who were in duty bound to act as checks on each other. In some instances this has been of the most flagrant character, and it is simply astounding how the various persons who have combined to defraud the authorities could have brought themselves to make the proposals necessary to attain the ends in view. How, for instance, any man could have the effrontery to ask the official in charge of a supply of

sugar to condemn as much as possible, with the view of selling back a part of the rejected article, must be a mystery to those who have not had some experience of the effects which this "gin the government" doctrine has upon people at once weak and avaricious. In an ordinary way a man who made such a suggestion to another would know that he did it at the risk of very possibly being kicked for his pains, or at least of receiving a moral rebuff scarcely less pleasant. The evidence before the commission, however, shows that proposals of this description were made in numerous directions and were in a number of cases accepted and acted upon. We are in the habit (and very justly so) of deprecating the ingenious ways of squeezing oneself out of the Chinese, but really after the revelations of the War Store scandals, it is difficult to see that we have just grounds for so much indignation against our ingenious Eastern friends as compared with Western nations. The consideration is certainly humiliating, but it can hardly be said that the facts which have been made public do not warrant it. Indeed in one respect the Chinese squeezing is perhaps more respectable. At least the latter is generally done by direct bribery, and rarely by means of elaborate combination and collusion as it is clear has been the case in many of the transactions which have been brought to light by the Commission. It is indeed this element of collusion that is the most discouraging in the revelations that have been made; as it displays in a most striking manner the low level to which any sense of honesty has sunk in respect to such matters. There is, of course, nothing per se more dishonest in combining with another to defraud a third party, than in defrauding him oneself; but as an indication of general tone, such combinations are of salient significance. They show a full belief, justified unfortunately by the event, that nefarious proposals of the kind would be favourably received, or, in other words, they show that the estimate of official honesty among men whose position best enabled them to form such an estimate, was of the lowest character, but still not lower than the facts warranted.

If any improvement is to be effected, it is at this point that something ought to be done. It is, of course, impossible, or at all events, extremely difficult, to make people ordinarily honest by any rules, regulations or even Acts of Parliament. It may be doubted whether any system of checks or any enactments as to punishment can make people less disposed to unlawful collusion, if their self-respect will not keep them from it, but stringent rules fearlessly enforced would at least have the effect of making the more timid hesitate; and would to this extent reduce the evil. A large number of people regard an act which the law recognises as an offence in a different light to acts which are not made crimes or offences; and if it were known that any arrangement by which a person dealing with public stores on behalf of the Government obtained a pecuniary benefit in connection therewith would be a punishable offence, something at least would be done to check this gigantic evil in its initial stages. The Commission will doubtless do some good in bringing some of the more flagrant offenders to justice, but, on the other hand, the Commission itself is a standing proof of the enormous trouble and expense that must be incurred in doing so. A large number of minor offenders will, of course, escape, and after all it will appear that at worst there is a fair chance of doing so; a lesson which will no doubt be duly taken to heart by very many. It is to be hoped, therefore, that the matter will not be allowed to end in the prosecution of a few of the worst offenders and then be shelved. It should be followed up by a full investigation of the whole subject; and the enactment of such laws and regulations as may seem necessary to render transactions of the kind, if not impossible, at least so hazardous that they will not be readily entered into in the future.

Owing to the non-arrival of a number of the members of the Bandmann Opera Company, the opening performance which was to have taken place in the City Hall last night had to be postponed until this evening.

We are informed that the Indian watchman who died from injuries received through being struck by the propeller of the river steamer *Hongkong* was not sent below by the master, but volunteered to go down to clear the entanglement.

The Bishop's sale of Chinese porcelain has been largely attended in New York. Mr. Duvon, believed to be acting for Mr. Pierpont Morgan, bought a valuable lapis lazuli vase after a stubborn duel with Mr. M. J. Perry, a noted connoisseur.

The *Gazette* announces the King's approval of Señor Don Alberto Moreno Pérez as Consul of Panama at Hongkong.

The King has been pleased to confer a Knight Commandership of the Order of St. Michael and St. George upon the Hon. F. H. Villiers, C.B., on his appointment as H.M. Minister Plenipotentiary and Envoy Extraordinary at Lisbon.

King Alfonso motored on Jan. 25 from San Sebastian to Biarritz and met Princess Ena of Battenberg, who is staying at the Villa Monsieurt. Princess Ena was to visit the Queen Dowager of Spain at San Sebastian on the 28th.

A daring act of piracy is reported to have occurred in the North River. Some nine armed men boarded Mr. J. W. Kwok's motor-boat, the *Tienkong*, and held up the crew and passengers who numbered 130. After relieving the passengers of their valuables, and removing what they desired from the boat, they grounded the vessel and departed. They are said to have got clear with booty to the value of \$3,000.

The 260 yards range at King's Park will be available for practice and competition shooting this afternoon from 2 o'clock to 5.30 o'clock and on Sunday from 9.30 a.m. to 12 a.m. There will be one pool for both days. Members of the H.V.R.A. who have not shot this month for the 1905 and 1906 Governor's Cups are informed that these are the last two shoots of the month for these competitions.

An unusual incident occurred at the Magistracy yesterday morning, to the great delight of the leashed spectators. In the middle of a case a yoll was heard from under the table followed by a tremendous barking and snarling. An official looked under the table and found a dog fight in progress, and though he interfered at once the combatants were difficult to separate. Eventually they were ejected, but the business of the Court had to be suspended until this was accomplished.

The mineral output of the Transvaal for 1905 is valued at £2,688,575, of which amount diamonds account for £922,780. The total increase in value as compared with 1904 amounts to £3,514,553. The salaries and wages paid in the whole mining industry amounted to £2,906,121, of which amount £3,000,491 was paid to whites. The increase over the previous year amounted to £2,947,796 and £366,139 respectively. A requisition is to be addressed to the mayor asking him to call a public meeting to protest against what are described as the calumnious statements that have been made regarding Chinese labour.

Mr. George Edwards, the well-known theatrical manager, has obtained an injunction against Mr. Henry Dallas, restraining him from producing certain plays in Hongkong, Penang, Singapore, and Hongkong. Counsel stated that the notices of motion only dealt with five pieces: *The Gipsies*, *The Country Girl*, *The Duchess of Dandini*, *The Girl from King's*, and *The Orchid*. Mr. Dallas had been producing these plays for some time past in Hongkong, Penang, Singapore, and Hongkong without a licence, and stating that he was doing so by arrangement with Mr. Edwards. That statement was quite untrue. There was no appearance for the defence, and his lordship granted the injunction.

Dr. G. E. Morrison, the well-known correspondent of *The Times* at Peking, after a short stay in Paris, left by the P. and O. steamer *Medolan* from Marseilles. After a visit to the Straits Settlements and then to Siam, Dr. Morrison will return to his post at Peking. It is no secret that he could have gone to another appointment on *The Times* staff, but all interested in the Far East will be pleased that he is returning to a post he has made so peculiarly his own. Dr. Morrison, during his stay at home, has made extensive purchases for his library of works on China, which now reaches several thousand volumes, and must be one of the most complete private collections on this subject.

Last month's voting in the Chamber of Deputies, passing all the articles of the Antwerp Port Extension Bill separately in the second reading, and finally adopting the bill in its entirety by a third vote, is a signal victory for the Government. A new cutting for the bed of the River Scheldt is thus adopted in principle, though subject to examination, as also the new system of fortifications. A majority for the bill in the Senate has always been secured. The Government carried the bill by 82 votes against 77, and three abstentions. The works at Antwerp will begin immediately the law is promulgated. Antwerp has reason to rejoice at the victory of the Prime Minister, M. de Smet de Naeyer, who has carried the day against tremendous opposition.

By kind permission of Lieut-Col. A. G. Fittou, D.S.O., and Officers, the band of the Second Battalion "The Queen's Own" (Royal West Kent Regiment) will play the following programme of music during dinner at the Hongkong Hotel this (Saturday) evening:—
March—"The Tyrolean"..... McKelvey
Overture—"La Strada"..... Lecocq
Valse—"Sympathie"..... Lecocq
Selection from "St. Germain"..... Lecocq
Song (Comet Solo) "The Chorister"..... Sullivan
Minuet and Trio..... Sullivan
Requiem from "The Bohemians"..... F. Godfrey
Dishon—Hors d'Œuvre—Macaroni Fish and Olive Crostons. Soup—Clear Windsor. Apple Pie—Boiled Fish and Sauce Hollandaise. "Lentils"—Grilled Fillet of Beef and Mushroom Sauce, Jugged Hare and Red Currant Jelly, Chicken and Macaroni Pudding, Curry—Nopal Curry. Joint—Roast Australian Lamb and Mint Sauce, Roast Capon and Savoyard Boiled Bacon and Spinach, Cold Roast Wild Duck and Plain Salad. Sweets—Lemon Pudding, Marshmallow Ice Cream and Finger Cakes, Apple Tart, Tipsey Cake. Dessert—Coffee—Fruits.

The sanitary authorities are evidently taking action at Beaconsfield Arcade, where a case of plague occurred last week. A number of tenants have received forty-eight hours' notice to quit, and the work of removal in most cases was completed yesterday. The proceeding involves some hardship on the business people concerned.

The *Bulletin Economique de l'Indo-Chine* gives an estimate by MM. Brunier and Clavier of 57,000 tons as the world's production of rubber for, presumably, 1905. Of the total 33 1/2 per cent. came from America and 2 1/2 per cent. from Africa. French West Africa produced 7,000 tons, the Belgian Congo 6,000 tons, and the French Congo 5,000 tons. The world consumption is estimated at 57,300 tons in 1904, of which the United States took 26,470 tons, Germany 12,800 tons, the United Kingdom 10,030 tons, and France 1,130. The *Brussels Movement Géographique* puts the production at 75,000 tons.

According to telegraphic advice received from the head office in Tokyo, the N. Y. K. regular European line, taking freight and passengers between Japan ports, Shanghai, Singapore, Penang, Colombo, Suez, Port Said, Marseilles, London and Antwerp, will be resumed in April next, commencing with the s.s. *Bingo Maru*, to leave Yokohama on or about the 4th April, to be followed by the s.s. *Saio Maru* or *Kawachi Maru* on or about 18th April; thereafter one steamer every fortnight. The American line, between Hongkong, Shanghai, Japan ports and Seattle, U. S. A. (connecting there with the Great Northern Railway) will also be re-started, beginning with the *Shinano Maru*, to leave Hongkong on the 3rd April next. There will be provisionally a four-weekly service, after which a regular fortnightly service will be maintained.

One of the mail papers had this amusing skit. —Esperanto, evidently, regards itself as so far established that it can begin to "put on frills" and go in for luxuries. There is to be a London Esperanto Club concert to-night. On the principle that "So long as the tune has a right good ring, it doesn't much matter what words you sing," song is the last sphere that Esperanto need trouble to conquer. But, to judge from the extracts from the "programme" given in the *Daily Mail*, song has no terrors for Esperanto. We can fancy ourselves listening unmoved to such a line as "La batado de vespero sonoro," which might pass for Italian or Spanish on the concert platform; but "tint de l'organo horo" is going far too far. It looks like the words of a composite tune—a Gaelic tune busy on a love ballad, a Mexican cowboy calling the cattle home, and the late Mr. Kruger drawing out a Dopper palm. Perhaps it would go very well with a Salvation Army band.

On Christmas Day at the Durban-Rodeport Deep, a novel item was introduced into the programme of sports there held. This took the form of a rock-drilling contest between picked gangs of Chinese and Kaffirs. Ten of the best drillers aside were picked, and the time allowed for their work was 31 minutes. The contest was witnessed by a large crowd of white spectators, who evinced the liveliest interest in the respective merits of the yellow and sable contestants. The struggle was entered into with zest by the mine boys chosen, who plied their hammers with all the dexterity and strength at their command. At the conclusion it was found that the Chinese had drilled 71 ft. as against 58 ft. by the Kaffirs. The result was loudly applauded by the spectators. Later in the afternoon there was a tug-of-war between Chinese and natives, when the Celestials again proved their superiority over their dusky antagonists.

That great octopus—to use Frank Norris' phrase—the Standard Oil Company has grown another tentacle. Its last acquisition is a glucose combination which is to control the entire glucose interests of America. This makes the seventh enormous trust which has become an appendage of the monster. The capital it yields in this manner aggregates, at a rough estimate, about \$20,000,000, and this apart from the railway interests which, though not directly belonging to the company, are in the hands of its leading spirit, Mr. John D. Rockefeller. When will the giant stop growing? Will it ever be satisfied? These are serious questions for the people of America, who are face to face with a prospect no less portentous than that before the Englishmen of Mr. H. G. Wells's "Food of the Gods," when they realised their overshadowing by the new race founded by the Boomfod. Indeed these giants, beneficent in intention, were in many ways less of a menace than this artificially bloated creation of a clique of millionaires.

AGROUND IN THE FOG.

The prevailing fog has been a great source of trouble and anxiety in local shipping circles. Vessels have been impeded on their daily runs, arrivals have been delayed, and some ships have had narrow escapes from disaster.

On Thursday night the French steamer *Charles Hardouin*, belonging to the Compagnie Française de Navigation, went on the rocks near Lantau Islands, and despite all her efforts remained fast. Information of her mishap was conveyed to Hongkong by passing river steamers, and after inquiries the local agents, the Messageries Maritimes Co., chartered the tug *Robert Cook*, belonging to the Dock Co. The tug took off the passengers in the afternoon and last night at high tide intended making an effort to refloat the *Charles Hardouin*.

TELEGRAMS.

[REUTERS' SERVICE.]

THE GOVERNMENT AND THE TRANSVAAL.

LONDON, February 21st.

It is believed that there are considerable differences in the Cabinet concerning the Transvaal constitution and the Chinese labour question.

THE MOROCCO CONFERENCE.

LONDON, February 21st.

It is the opinion in Paris that the failure of the conference is inevitable, the French and German views on the crucial question of the police being irreconcilable.

The French press, commenting on the deadlock at the Algerian conference anticipates mediation on the proposals now submitted. Germany has now submitted to the conference a scheme for a State bank in Morocco, wholly ignoring the preferential position of France. France has submitted a counter scheme.

TROUBLE IN THE SOUDAN.

LONDON, February 21st.

An expedition from Lagos is going to Sokoto, where fanatics have killed a company of mounted troops, constituting practically half the garrison, and five white officers, and Lieutenants Scott and Blackwood. It is believed that the force was surprised by the followers of the new Mahdi, who were well armed and captured a Maxim. The affair was totally unexpected.

THE LONDON MINING MARKET.

LONDON, February 21st.

A heavy fall has occurred in Kaffirs on the policy of the Government in South Africa, and difficulties are apprehended on pay day, Thursday. Since the 21st January forty of the leading stocks have depreciated £18,000,000.

THE HONGKONG LOAN.

LONDON, February 21st.

It is officially announced that the Hongkong loan has been covered, at prices varying from 99 to 100; the underwriters have, however, had to take nearly 70 per cent. of it. The *Times*, commenting on this result, attributes it to the loan having been offered by tender.

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION.

A correspondent writing in reply to a recent criticism of the Indo-China Company, admits the shares have fallen, as stated, but does not consider that the fall is due to any real weakness in the financial position of the company. The Indo-China Company was formed in 1882 with a paid-up capital of £495,800, divided into shares of £10 each. Since then the company has easily paid its way, and, with the exception of 1896, satisfactory dividends have been declared. It is true that 6 per cent. for 1904 compares with 14 per cent. for 1900, but the amount paid in dividends for 10 years on the paid-up capital averages 6 1/2 per cent. per annum, equal to £32,184 in all, and this our correspondent considers a satisfactory performance, especially as the book value of the fleet has increased by £141,963, or almost by £20 per share. The importance of the latter consideration will be understood when it is stated that this value is arrived at after depreciation amounting to £10 for each £10 share has been written off during the last 10 years. There is no debenture issue, so that the increased value of the fleet and the depreciation of more than £500,000 have been entirely dealt with out of earnings. It is considered that if the fleet was sold to-day over £20 per £10 share would probably be realised, as that at their present quotation Indo-China shares seem not only cheap, but to provide a very fair margin for market appreciation. The fall in the value of the shares is believed to be mainly due to purely market considerations and manipulation.—*Globe*.

WHAT "STANDARD OIL" CONTROLS.

Industrial trusts controlled by the Standard Oil Company are still increasing. It is now known that Standard Oil interests are in possession of a new glucose combination which is to take over the entire glucose business of America. The new company has been organised under the laws of New Jersey. It will be known as the Corn Products Refining Company. It has an authorised capital of £16,000,000, of which £10,000,000 will be in Preferred stock and £6,000,000 in Common stock.

Standard Oil men now control seven great industrial trusts, including the United States Steel Corporation, Amalgamated Copper, the American Sugar Refining Company, and the American Tobacco Company. The new trust will be managed on the lines of the Standard Oil Company, which is conceded to be the most perfect corporate machinery in the world. It will own at least a majority of the capital stock of the Corn Products Company, the entire capital stock of the New York Glucose Company not already acquired by the Corn Products Company, the entire capital stock of the Warner Sugar Refining Company, and the entire capital stock of the St. Louis Syrup and Preserving Company. With its subsidiary companies it will have a net working capital of, approximately, £1,000,000, and will aim to dominate the entire domestic and export corn products business of the United States.

The industrial trusts now under the control of the Standard Oil concern, are roughly as follows:—
Amalgamated Copper Company... £31,000,000
United States Steel Corporation... 173,758,860
National Lead Company... 6,000,000
American Sugar Refining Company... 18,000,000
Central Leather Company... 11,400,000
American Tobacco Company... 23,786,340
Corn Products Refining Company... 16,000,000
Total... £279,940,170

CANTON.

[FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.]

February 22nd.

THE OPIUM QUESTION.

Concerning the increased tax on prepared opium, H.B.M.'s Consul-General, in reply to the Viceroy's despatch, again calls his attention to the fact that the further taxation of prepared opium was only recently brought up, and that it was decided that any further taxation on this article must be settled by H.B.M.'s Minister and the Chinese Foreign Office. As this is a matter of great importance, the Viceroy is advised not to act hastily. The Consul-General informs the Viceroy that he has sent to the British Minister in Peking a fully detailed report concerning the affair.

NATIVE UNREST.

A rising is anticipated to occur in the Ching King district near Linchow, the seat of the late missionary troubles. It is said that several thousand members of the Triad Society have gathered there.

VICEROY SHUM'S TRANSFER.

It is reported that the Viceroy will most probably be transferred to Shantung (the Liaotung Peninsula).

"RVO" AND LIKIN THIEVES.

Viceroy Shum has received a telegram from the Central Government stating that the Foreign Office received a despatch from H.B.M.'s Minister in Peking in which it was stated that on January 20th the British firm "Yee Woo" (Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Co.), after paying the proper duty on a certain quantity of merchandise to the I.M. Customs, had the receipts stolen from the hands of their native employee by the soldiers of the new station called the Po Hui Shu (royalty station). According to treaty, after the proper duty is paid, no other tax can be imposed. Besides, the robbery of the receipts was a reprehensible act. The Minister requests that this new royalty station be immediately abolished. The despatch orders the Viceroy to investigate and report.

PALM LEAF FANS.

The export trade in palm leaf fans is constantly decreasing. They are imported here from the San Wai district, where hundreds of families earn their livelihood by their manufacture. The trade has diminished by fully one-third. Some attribute this falling off to the boycott, America being the chief buyer.

POLICE COURT.

Friday, February 23rd.

BEFORE MR. F. A. HAZELAND (FIRST POLICE MAGISTRATE).

IMPUDENT CHAIR COOLIE.

A chair coolie was summoned by a European lady for using abusive language to her. She had sent for a chair to convey her husband to the wharf, but as it was long in arriving she engaged another which was passing. When defendant arrived he became very abusive and had to be ejected from the premises. He was fined \$1.

THE YUNNAN MURDER.

The case was concluded in which the two Italians were charged with murder at Moukote Yunnan.

The defendants were committed to gaol pending the order of the Governor to hand them over to the Italian authorities.

BEFORE MR. C. D. MELBOURNE (SECOND POLICE MAGISTRATE).

AN INADEQUATE PENALTY.

Two naval officers appeared to prosecute a ricksha coolie who had refused to continue his journey with them. They had engaged him at the Star Ferry Wharf to take them to Kowloon Dock, but he had only proceeded about 50 yards when he dropped the shafts, left the ricksha in the middle of the road, sat on the side walk, and refused to go on. He pleaded guilty to the charge, and Mr. Melbourne informed the officers they could leave the case in his hands. After complainants had left the Court his Worship imposed a penalty of \$2.

AN ILLEGAL DISPLAY.

George Green, of the Criterion Inn, and L. Comar, of the Main Hotel, were summoned for having poles with flags projecting from their premises to the annoyance of passengers. Mr. M. J. D. Stephens appeared for the first-named and after hearing evidence his Worship adjourned both cases.

HONGKONG VOLUNTEERS.

This week's orders announce the following promotions in Right Half No. 2 Company:—Bombardiers G. Blood and L. C. Rees to corporal; Gunners F. O. Day and A. E. Wright to bombardiers; Sergeants G. J. Libband and R. S. Piercey and Gunner J. S. Dixon of the same company have been permitted to resign on leaving the Colony; while Gunner W. H. Woolley has been granted twelve months' leave of absence out of the Colony and Trooper N. H. Rutherford six months.

LATEST STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The P.M. str. *Siberia* left Shanghai on the 23rd inst., at 9 a.m., and is expected to arrive here to-morrow, about 11 a.m.
The P. & A. str. *Arugano* arrived at Yokohama on Thursday, the 22nd inst.
The N.D.L. str. *Barnes* left Sandakan via Bangkok on Wednesday p.m., and may be expected here on or about Wednesday, the 28th inst., p.m.
The Glen Line str. *Glenearn*, from London, M.C., left Singapore on Thursday, p.m., for this port.
The P.M. str. *Manchuria*, which sailed from this port on the 26th Jan., arrived at San Francisco on the 21st inst.
The P. & A. str. *Sacatra* left Singapore for this port on the 23rd Feb., at 8 a.m.

LOCAL SPORT.

CRICKET.

H.K.C. V. N.A.V.Y. TEAM.

The following have been selected to play for the Club in the match to-day commencing at 1.30 p.m.:—T. E. Pearce, C. H. Mackay, Capt. Krickbeck, W. A. Powell, H. R. Phillips, R. A. B. Ponsbury, T. S. Smith, N. H. Kelly, Rutherford, E. A. Fowler, Major Williamson and C. T. Pigott.

H.K.C. V. ROWING CLUB.

The following will represent the Hongkong Civil Service Cricket Club in their League match with the Rowing Club on the C.C. ground to-day at 2.15 p.m. stars:—H. T. Jackson (Capt.), R. Whitehead, G. A. Woodcock, A. R. Raven, L. E. Brett, H. Combs, C. Badcock, F. T. Robbins, H. Gidley, W. H. Kelly, C. H. Sharnan, Umpire, Mr. W. H. Woolley.

PARSONS V. ROWING CLUB.

A friendly game will be played to-day between these teams on the ground of the latter at Kowloon. The following will play for the Parsons:—F. J. Kanga (Captain), J. B. Norris, N. F. Nallathari, K. Jamshodji, J. A. Chiboy, B. A. Tarapore, J. J. Vassani, D. P. Tavelin, H. B. Cooper, D. R. Captain, J. H. B. Jorjani and A. B. Aravia (umpire).

CRAIGENOWER V. H.K.C. C.C.

This match will be played on to-day on the Craigenower Ground, commencing at 2.15 p.m. The following will represent C.C. Club:—L. E. Lamont (Capt.), R. Bass, R. Postonji, H. S. Ford, J. D. Kinnaird, L. A. Ross, H. Irving, A. O. Brown, J. W. Stewart, L. D'Almeida Castro and H. Rapp. The H.K.C.C. "A" team is as follows:—A. S. Cobden, E. A. Fowler, P. Jacks, Dr. F. H. Kow, C. O. O'Brien, W. Peake, C. B. Piggett, C. C. Scott, Rev. Wells, P. R. Wolff and T. C. Gray (Capt.).

LEAGUE TABLE.

CLUBS.	Played.	Won.	Lost.	Drawn.	Points.
Craigengower	14	7	4	3	24
Kowloon	9	7	1	1	22
R. G. A.	10	6	2	2	20
Civil Service	11	5	4	2	17
H.K.C.C. "A"	12	5	6	1	16
Army Staff	11	5	6	0	15
H.K. Police	10	4	4	2	14
R. E.	13	0	12	1	1

FOOTBALL.

H.P.C. V. "ANDROMEDA."

The following have been selected to play for the Hongkong Football Club in the Rugby match against H.M.S. "Andromeda" to-day (Saturday), kick-off at 4.30 p.m. The Club will play in colours:—C. M. Freshaw, J. M. G. Taylor, T. E. Pearce, A. O. Lang, and J. G. Locky; G. R. Hannay, and R. J. Blackburn; R. M. Ranking, A. M. Kendall, A. P. Hickman, H. G. O. Bailey, S. C. Vickers, E. Rogers, T. Greenwood and H. F. Chad.

EXCITING SCENE IN THE HARBOUR.

GALLANT RESCUE.

An exciting scene, unfortunately attended with loss of life, was witnessed in the harbour on Thursday afternoon. As a coal scow, with about 100 coolies on board, was returning from Tsim Sha Tsui to Praya East she was caught by a squall of wind and capsized. The scow, which was carrying a large quantity of coal, was seen to be in a perilous position. The crew, who were struggling in the water and added to the seriousness of their position. Happily the accident was observed by a number of people. The first to proceed to the work of rescue were the two Customs launchers, the "Kwong Tai" (Captain C. D. Bedford) and the "Kowloon Tai" (Captain A. K. Telford). They sent out their boats and the crews succeeded in rescuing the greater number of the coolies. Two sailors of the "Kowloon Tai" named Lai Chee and La Fu distinguished themselves by a heroic display. Both good divers and swimmers, they rescued no fewer than seven men, one woman and four children who were entangled in the gear of the junk, most of them in an unconscious condition.

Two men were drowned, and it is eloquent testimony to the prompt assistance and smart teamwork of the launch crews that the loss of life was not greater. Several sampans from neighbouring junks also rendered assistance. The conduct of the two sailors mentioned is in the highest degree praiseworthy and gives them claims to the Bellios medal for gallantry.

BOARD OF ADMIRALTY.

PRINCE LOUIS OF BATTENBERG.

This month Rear-Admiral Prince Louis of Battenberg completed a year's service in command of the Second Cruiser Squadron, which recently made a series of most successful visits to Canadian and American ports with his "Sovereign" flag flying in the renowned cruiser "Drake"; and it is understood he will shortly relinquish his present appointment to join the Board of Admiralty. A vacancy at the selection of the present Second Sea Lord, Vice-Admiral Sir Charles Drury, as Commander-in-Chief of the Particular Service Squadron. This force, which is mainly used for training purposes, is now in the West Indies, with the flag of Admiral Sir Day R. Boscawen flying in the cruiser "Arcturion". This officer will vacate this position on his return to England early in the spring, and then the change in the composition of the Board of Admiralty will, it is reported, be made.

Prince Louis of Battenberg is an officer of whom the whole service speaks well—a good administrator, a capable fleet commander, a scientist in all matters of war equipment, and a born leader of men. His "Sovereign" Highness proved a most energetic Director of Naval Intelligence before he went to sea once more a year ago, and has an intimate knowledge of the routine at Whitehall. Rumour associates the name of Rear-Admiral Niblett with the command of the Second Cruiser Squadron.

HAMBURG.

[FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.]

January 23rd.

THE RIOT.

The past fortnight has been one of anxious suspense and excitement in this country, particularly in Hamburg. The temporary success of the revolutionary movement in Russia having roused the aggressive spirit of the socialist party a violent agitation has been carried on for the abrogation of the laws which in Prussia, Saxony and some other states place a limitation on universal suffrage by a system of indirect voting; it must, therefore, appear a somewhat dangerous experiment on the part of our Senate to try at the present moment to set back the hands of the clock by altering the electoral laws of the republic in a reactionary sense. I have mentioned before that it is felt to be a disgrace that the most important part of the empire with its widespread commerce and rapidly increasing industries should, owing to universal suffrage, be represented in the Reichstag by three Socialists and that it is feared, not without reason, that the constant influx of skilled and unskilled workmen from all parts of Germany may eventually give the socialist party a majority in the Burgerschaft, the lower chamber of the local parliament, and thus make them rulers of the state. It may be remembered that the Burgerschaft is composed of 160 members, elected for a term of six years, one half by the owners of real estate and the so-called "notables" and the other by the citizens of the republic. Of the latter number eight represent the country constituencies and twenty-two those of the town. Eighty members retire every three years, when fresh elections are held, so that those returned in 1903 would serve until 1906, whilst those returned in 1900 would not go out until 1903. In order to obviate the danger of a predominance of the socialist element in that body the Senate has lately submitted a bill to the Burgerschaft, providing that the electorate of the town be divided into three classes, the first to comprise all those whose incomes are below M. 3,000, the second those assessed at from M. 3,000 to M. 6,000, and the third those enjoying annual incomes above that figure; each to have twelve votes at the triennial elections which are to be cumulative. The Burgerschaft referred the bill to a select committee who substituted two classes for the three proposed by the Senate, drawing the line of demarcation at annual incomes of M. 2,500, and giving the upper class 24 votes and the lower twelve. This alteration does not strike me as a happy one, for it makes a reality of those unfortunate words of Mr. Gladstone "Classes versus Masses." Be this, however, as it may, both drafts have called forth most violent opposition on the part of the socialists and numerous meetings have been held at which they have been denounced in no measured terms. It was finally decided to hold mass-meetings in eight different parts of the town in the afternoon of the day on which the first reading of the bill was to take place and to proceed from there to the town hall, where the Burgerschaft hold their sittings. Accordingly on Wednesday last large bodies of socialists assembled at the places appointed, but on arriving in the neighbourhood of the town hall they found the approaches to the building strongly guarded by the police, mounted on foot, who stopped further progress. The adjacent streets were soon thronged with people and it was with difficulty that a passage was kept open for the tram cars during the first hour, after which all traffic had to be stopped. At about seven o'clock a first hostile encounter with the police occurred, who had to make use of their water cannons in order to stem the tide; after that no serious disturbances seem to have taken place, until about eleven, when some of the riffraff of the town, who on such occasions rally forth from their habitual haunts in order to fish in troubled waters, attacked a small body of police, five in number, who were stationed in the Fischmarkt. They pelted them with stones, beer bottles, broken glass and other dangerous missiles whilst the crowd behind made them a raid upon the shops and offices in the neighbourhood, smashing windows, furniture, etc., and carrying what they could lay hands on; a jeweller's shop was completely cleared out. When mounted policemen appeared on the scene the rioters tore up iron railings and planks, using them as ladders, and piling up seats and benches, and erected barricades which they set on fire in order to stop the horsemen. They were, however, put to flight at last, and on order being restored attempts at incendiarism were discovered in several places. Fortunately, no lives were lost, for although many of the police sustained injuries of a more or less severe character, one of them being reported dead and another fatally wounded; both of the latter, however, survived and are now in a fair way towards recovery. How many of the mob were wounded has not been ascertained, as they do not care to betray themselves by seeking surgical assistance at the hospitals. About forty persons in whose possession some of the stolen property was found have been arrested; some of them are members of trade unions, but nearly all have previous convictions recorded against them.

The socialist leaders, of course, repudiate all responsibility for the disturbances, and it is likely enough that they were not committed by their special order, but considering the violent language they made use of in their speeches and in the handbills with which the town was inundated, they must be held morally answerable for what has occurred.

The Burgerschaft having come to no decision last week, the debate will be resumed to-morrow night, when it is hoped there will be no further trouble.

Sunday, the anniversary of the massacre in St. Petersburg last year, was fixed upon by the socialist party in Prussia for a general demonstration against the present system of indirect suffrage; meetings were to be held in all the principal towns of the kingdom and great forces were entertained by the authorities that they might lead to serious breaches of the peace. All open-air meetings were consequently forbidden and notices issued by the police that any attempts at rioting would be put down with a strong hand, the military being held in readiness to assist if necessary. Thanks to these precautions everything passed off quietly.

THE PHILIPPINES.

SALE NEGOTIATIONS DENIED.

A New York message says:—For the twentieth time it is officially declared from Washington that there is no truth in the report that negotiations are on foot or contemplated for the sale of the Philippines to Japan.

There is in this country a small party of anti-imperialists, who have never ceased to protest against the holding of the Philippines by the United States, but the vast majority of Americans regard the Islands as an integral part of the Union, no more for sale than, say, Virginia or Alaska. There are, of course, sharp differences of opinion as to the policy to be pursued both economically and politically, and certainly there is no disposition in any quarter to exempt that administration from the same criticism. It is said to be a danger of the big capitalists getting too strong a hold on the Philippines, and public opinion has more than once been excited over accusations made and denied in this connection.

Some time ago it was even alleged that the members of the Philippine Commission had engaged in land speculations in connection with new railways on an extensive scale, and had made much money thereby. All the officials, however, indignantly denied the charge, but an investigation was ordered. The matter appeared to have been forgotten until last week, when it was revived and discussed in Congress. Mr. Taft has now officially announced that the charges, having been investigated, have been proved to be entirely groundless so far as any American members of the Commission are concerned. Apparently there have been some small irregularities on the part of certain Filipino officials, and that is all.

The incident is not perhaps important in itself, but it demonstrates anew the firm determination to have the administration of Hawaii and the Philippines kept free from the corrupting influence of the professional politician. The Filipinos are not an easy people to get on with, and the problems to be solved are numerous and complex, but, with the example of England in India, we Americans wish his aid for a moment, that the Philippines can be made great and prosperous under American government.

OLD CHINA HANDS.

A London journal of Jan. 20th says:—Through the death on 19th inst. of Edward Webb, at the age of 80, residents in Shanghai in the early days of the Settlement will soon be but a memory. The deceased was partner in the firm of Dent, Beal and Co. during the "Boxer" era, at a time when the firm reached its zenith. These were the days when opium played an important part in trade, and the opium smugglers, *Vindes, Lawrick, Wild Dayrell*, and others, equipped "man-of-war" fashions, exploited the coast ports, exchanging opium, weight for weight of opium. In telegraphy the terminal point at that period was Calcutta, and thence steam, which had come in, took the place of the old-fashioned *Low Moon, Yang Tze, Hatterport and Cheong Choo*, were vessels noted for bringing information of European markets in advance of the P. and O. Co. in those days, represented on the coast by the pioneer steamer of the company, the *Lady Mary Wood*. The firm represented by Thomas Clay Beal, related to influential Chinese, occupied an unique position as to obtaining early news of the interior markets of China. Mr. Webb took a leading part in the princely hospitality accorded to naval and military men during the second China War in 1860, both in Hongkong and Shanghai, which is still remembered by a few. Racing, too, reached its limits, the best horses from England and Australia being imported to win the Hongkong Cup. Troublesome times in the China trade on the opening of the Suez Canal, etc., followed, and in 1860 the old firm of Dent and Co. ceased to exist. Later the deceased became interested in South Sea Islands affairs, during the gold boom, was director and chairman of companies connected with the industry.

GERMAN TRADE AT KIAOCHAU.

The annual report on Kiaochow, covering the period between October, 1904, and October, 1905, which has been distributed in the Reichstag, shows that the revenue of the Protectorate has increased 99 per cent., namely, from 501,946 marks to 1,001,170 marks as compared with the previous year. The shipping returns rose from 327 vessels with an aggregate registered tonnage of 383,323 to 413 vessels, with a tonnage of 420,517. The receipts of the Chinese Maritime Customs increased from 8618,000 to 8796,000, while the value of the transit trade rose from 824,881,262 to 832,426,506.

BUBONIC VACCINE.

American Consul Macdonald, of Aden, forwards a report by Surgeon Major Prall, of the Indian Army, in regard to the suppression of bubonic plague that visited Aden during the winter of 1904. The consul makes a synopsis of this report as follows:—

For several years past the government of India and many of the physicians of that country have been trying to get the entire population of infected districts to submit to vaccine inoculation as a preventive of plague. At first there was but little, if any, real objection to it among the people, but just about the time it was needed the worst to stay the awful ravages of the plague, through the carelessness of someone, a lot of inoculated patients died of tetanus, and this gave it such a setback that for some time the people would have nothing to do with the remedy, and many even asserted that it was not a preventive. But since then the government has provided a specially instituted laboratory at Bombay, where this vaccine is impossible to become contaminated with outside poison. Again strenuous efforts are being made to get the people to submit to inoculation, as from experience and results this seems to be the only remedy that in any manner diminishes the ravages of this disease.

A NEW PLAGUE PROPHYLACTIC.

A preliminary report on a new plague prophylactic, made to the Local Government Board by Dr. Klein, F.R.S., has just been issued from the Medical Department, and the narrative therein given seems to justify the hope that some definite progress in the way of conferring protection against the disease has been attained by Dr. Klein's researches. The principle underlying the preparation of the prophylactics hitherto employed rests on the fact that immunity of an animal to plague may be induced by injecting into it a certain dose of culture of dead plague bacilli or their extracts. Haffkine uses a broth culture containing a large amount of bacillary growth, which culture has previously been subjected to a degree of heat (70 deg. C.) sufficient to kill the bacilli. With Calmette, and also at the Pasteur Institute, the prophylactic is an emulsion of the bacillary growth taken from the surface of solid agar cultures. Ludrig uses the precipitate obtained from an alkaline emulsion of an agar culture of *Bacillus pestis*. Similar processes are employed by others; and the results hitherto obtained, in India, South Africa, and elsewhere, appear to show that the methods of Haffkine and of Calmette and the Pasteur Institute are the most trustworthy. The disadvantages attending to them are those generally inherent in all fluids prepared from artificial cultures—namely, the difficulty of preservation, and the difficulty of securing sufficient uniformity of composition to ensure the efficacy of each single dose.

In the course of investigations into the vitality of *Bacillus pestis* in the organs (spleen, lung) of animals dead of plague, Dr. Klein found that when all the *Bacillus pestis* originally contained in such organs had been killed in the process of drying, emulsions made from the dried material and injected into mice and rats were capable of causing the death of these rodents within 20 hours or less, the animals exhibiting symptoms like those of acute plague, although, after death, their tissues did not contain *Bacillus pestis*. He also found, when engaging for injection an amount of emulsion insufficient to cause speedy death, that the animals, although made ill, usually recovered; and further, that these recovered animals when subsequently tested with injections of virulent *Bacillus pestis* were refractory to plague infection. He hence concluded that the dried plague organs, although not containing any living *Bacillus pestis*, are, nevertheless, imbued with a powerful plague toxin, which, in appropriate dosage, may serve as a prophylactic.

In further pursuance of the inquiry, Dr. Klein determined to inject into a series of animals the dried organs (containing organic toxin and dead bacilli) of various rodents dead of plague, with the purpose of ascertaining the ability of these materials to protect similar rodents against subsequent infection with virulent *B. pestis*. A considerable number of experiments were first made in order to ascertain the best methods of preparing and preserving prophylactic material of this nature, as well as to determine what portions of the organs of an animal dead of plague are the most efficacious for the purpose. These experiments, the details of which will be published hereafter, showed that a variety of tissues, taken from guinea-pigs dead of sub-acute plague, cut out and finely minced aseptically, spread out in thin layers in sterile glass dishes, and dried over sulphuric acid at 44-47° C., yield a material which can be rapidly and easily prepared, which is of uniform efficacy, and is in every way superior to the other prophylactics now in use. The dried organs, being a "clean" animal as compared with the rat, appears greatly preferable for the indicated purpose. A guinea-pig of about 300-400 grammes weight will yield 5-7 grammes of dry powder prepared from the spleen, lungs, and liver, and, as the protective dose for an adult rat is found to be 10-15 milligrammes, it follows that one large guinea-pig will yield from 200 to 300 doses. These days drying in thin layers over sulphuric acid at 44° C. was found more than sufficient to sterilise all *B. pestis* contained in these organs. After three days drying, the dry scale of material are rubbed down to fine powder in a sterile mortar; this powder is then transferred to a sterile cotton-wool bottle plugged with sterile cotton wool, which is placed for two or three days at 37° C. in order to complete the process of drying. At the end of these three additional days the cotton-wool plug is replaced by a glass stopper with its cone of glass wool, and the bottle is placed in a dry state by a layer of paraffin over the stopper, and when tested by cultivation in perfectly sterile, yielding no growth of any kind.

In the preparation of the prophylactic for use, the desired amount is weighed out and rubbed down in sterile warm distilled water, and the emulsion thus made is injected subcutaneously. Dr. Klein generally uses half a c.c. of water for a dose, but the amount is immaterial. He has now experimented with the prophylactic upon several dozen white mice, five to six dozen guinea-pigs, and upon over 150 rats, chiefly white, and he finds that the animals injected are afforded complete protection against even the most virulent *B. pestis*, while the control animals died from typical acute plague in from 36 to 72 hours. Dr. Klein concludes that 6-7 milligrammes of the dry prophylactic, and, on a proper dose for the human subject, and, on a proper dose, a single large guinea-pig, dead of sub-acute plague, would yield something like 800-1,000 human doses, an amount of prophylactic material equal to 3-5 litres of Haffkine's fluid.

When it is borne in mind that this dried prophylactic does not require more than 10 to 12 days for its preparation (Haffkine's fluid requires from four to six weeks), that a large amount can be prepared of uniform strength, that its efficacy is easily standardized by injection into the rat, that being dried and aseptically it can be preserved for any length of time, that the protection which it affords to the rat is of considerable duration, certainly many weeks, and last but not least, that the cost of its preparation is incomparably smaller, its superiority to Haffkine's preparation must be obvious.

Dr. Klein points out that there remains the interesting and important question of whence the efficacy of the new preparation in derived, seeing that it contains not only the dead bodies of plague bacilli and associated tissue toxin, but also, in all probability, other tissue constituents. In this direction he has not yet made more than preliminary experiments. But he has ascertained that the clear filtrate from a watery emulsion of the powder possesses undoubted prophylactic efficacy. Injection of the clear filtrate derived from 20 milligrammes of the dry powder confers immunity upon an adult rat against a subsequent infection with virulent *B. pestis*, a result which shows that the new prophylactic does not act solely by means of the dead bacilli which it contains.

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RESIDENCE IN WARM CLIMATES.

THE FIT AND THE UNFIT.

Dr. W. Hartigan, formerly of Hongkong, contributes to the *Journal of Tropical Medicine* an article on "Fit and unfit persons for residence in warm climates."

While living in China, says the doctor, I had often noticed how many more or less delicate men had been advised "to go out East, as they would be sure to improve," and now, when examining in London for various Far Eastern firms, I have frequently to reject applicants as "unfit" who had likewise been told that "they ought not to remain in England, but would get on capital in China, or Burma, or Peru, as the case might be." Such advice has usually not been given by those who have had tropical experience, or made a special study of epidemiology. It is true that exceptionally the physique, great muscular development, or exuberant energy are not necessary for healthy life in the tropics. In my experience, wiry men, of medium height, and slight build, even though a little underweight, of an active disposition, but not nervous temperament, do quite as well when transplanted to the East as the herculean gladiator of the playing fields or the madly enthusiastic gymnast.

The great tropical explorers—Livingstone, Stanley, Emin, Johnston—men of superabundant grit and energy, were none of them giants, while in an open secret that Lord Wolsey and Roberts, who have faced death and disease in every clime, would not "come up" to the present physical standard of an Army medical board. Careful discrimination must, however, be exercised. The wiry, narrow-chested, under-sized, aemic subject, with thin, sandy or fair hair, pale pinched features, too clean, high-coloured complexion, too clean, too gawky, too "lanky," too "skin-ton," too straight, too slender, dark hair, probably bright eyes, but sallow, jaundiced features; or again the physically well-built, middle-sized man, uncertain and slow of speech, with a dull heavy expression, and face of unhealthy colourless hue; phlegmatic, except when he enlarges on the state of his own health, are all equally unsuited for the tropics. The former become easy victims of tropical anaemia, with its consequent loss of energy and inability to work, and readily succumb to prevalent intestinal diseases, while the latter develop into chronic dyspepsia, with a morbid tendency to introspection, and dislike of companionship, which too frequently leads to secret tipping.

Another type to be avoided is the over-strung, exuberantly active, good-all-round, "admirable" Cricketer, who burns the candle at both ends, drags his long legs through his work with good grace, but perhaps not very fairly well, for he has brains, but perhaps not very thoroughly, spending his evenings in theatricals or dancing, enjoying his little dinners and suppers, taking or giving "a peg" or liquor at every opportunity; he has exhausted his reserves, and while he may get along happily enough in a temperate climate, will, should he go to the tropics, almost inevitably become "jumpy" and hysterical, subsequently physically weaker, with progressive loss of weight, followed by fits of intense depression, and incapacity of concentrated application, degenerating into a childish state of "don't care," in short, he has generally "gone to pieces" without any very definite reasons therefor. This condition is usually combated by frequent "nips," forenoon "cock-tails," and early morning "nightcaps," eventually culminating in that well-known euphemism, "tropical neurasthenia," or a climatic dyspeptic gastritis, more correctly known as "chronic alcoholism," vulgarly known as "drunk," finally culminating in a passage "home," with a purgative of "services" being no longer required.

A tropical climate does undoubtedly "get on the nerves," but it is usually assisted by "Scotch," "Irish," or "Cognac," good, bad, and indifferent; nevertheless, the man of nervous temperament is not a good subject for the tropics, while the victim of any of the nervous habits is generally unfit for work or residence in hot climates. Asthma may probably be excluded, as the atmosphere, as supposing the asthmatic to have the power of selection, he may find a suitable place wherein he will enjoy almost complete immunity, but in the absence of such choice the tropics and sub-tropics should be avoided. This prohibition applies also to the epileptic, even if only suffering from "petit mal." Likewise the man of lubricious habits is most unsuitable. The man of the pipe and the cigarette fiend are recommended to stay at home. Dr. Hartigan is not, however, an anti-smoking fanatic, for he says, "in moderation the fragrant weed is soothing and harmless."

WEATHER REPORT.

The Hongkong Observatory yesterday issued the following report:—

On the 23rd at 12.5 p.m.—The barometer has risen on the E. coast of China, and fallen over W. Japan.

A depression is situated in the S.W. part of the Sea of Japan. It is probably moving towards N.E.

Pressure is highest over Central China.

The monsoon will set in again in the Formosa Channel, and probably over the N. part of the China Sea to-morrow.

Forecast:—N.E. winds, freshening; foggy, probably some rain.

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BUSINESS: To elect a COMMITTEE and draw up a PROGRAMME for the ensuing season.
C. G. MACKIE,
Hon. Secretary and Treasurer.
Hongkong, 24th February, 1906. [483]

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The Tenders to be in Duplicate, and in Sealed Covers, addressed to the CHIEF PAYMASTER, Army Pay Department, and endorsed "TENDERS FOR GOVERNMENT BILLS."
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J. R. GALE, Capt. A.P.D.,
H.M. Treasury Chest Officer,
His Majesty's Treasury Office,
Fletcher Street.
Hongkong, 24th February, 1906. [486]

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Wm. HOGARTH,
Victualling Store Officer,
H.M. Victualling Yard,
Hongkong, 24th February, 1906. [487]

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Hongkong, 24th February, 1906. [488]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.
FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.
THE Steamship
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having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods will be delivered from alongside.
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Hongkong, 23rd February, 1906. [488]

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Captain A. J. Robson, will be despatched for the above Port TO-DAY, the 24th inst., at 2 p.m., instead of as previously advertised.
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General Managers.
Hongkong, 23rd February, 1906. [489]

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Hongkong, 23rd February, 1906. [481]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.
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E. A. HEWETT,
Superintendent.
Hongkong, 23rd February, 1906. [490]

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Hongkong, 23rd February, 1906. [476]

NOTICES OF FIRMS
NOTICE.
MR. WILLIAM WILSON is authorised to Sign our Firm from this date.
Amoy, 6th February, 1906. [475]

LURBAINE FIRE INSURANCE CO. OF PARIS.
WE have This Day RESIGNED the AGENCY at this Port of the above Fire Insurance Co.
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Hongkong, 17th February, 1906. [449]

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FROM THIS date, and during the Absence of Mr. Gao L. TOLIN from the Colony, Mr. C. PEMBERTON has been Appointed ACTING SECRETARY to the Company.
A. G. WOOD,
Chairman.
Hongkong, 31st January, 1906. [303]

PUBLIC COMPANIES

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT CO., LD.

THE SEVENTEENTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of Shareholders in the Company will be held in the OFFICE of the General Managers, Green's Building, Victoria, THIS DAY (SATURDAY), 24th FEBRUARY, 1906, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the General Managers for the year ending 31st December, 1905, declaring a Dividend and electing Consulting Committee and Auditors.
The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from TUESDAY, the 20th February, until SATURDAY, the 24th February, both days inclusive.
SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 24th February, 1906. [362]

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY HALF-YEARLY MEETING of the Shareholders in this Corporation will be held at the City Hall, Hongkong, THIS DAY (SATURDAY), the 24th day of February, 1906, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Board of Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1905.
By Order of the Board of Directors.
J. R. M. SMITH,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 24th February, 1906. [331]

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the REGISTER OF SHARES of the Corporation will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, the 10th, to the 24th day of February (both days inclusive), during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.
By Order of the Board of Directors.
J. R. M. SMITH,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 2nd February, 1906. [333]

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.
NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.
THE ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of Shareholders will be held in the OFFICES of the COMPANY, Queen's Buildings, New Praya, on MONDAY, the 28th FEBRUARY, 1906, at 12 o'clock Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts to the 31st December, 1905.
The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 12th to the 26th FEBRUARY, both days inclusive.
By Order of the Board of Directors.
THOS. I. ROSE,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 1st February, 1906. [319]

HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.
NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.
THE THIRTY-SEVENTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of Shareholders in the above Company will be held at the OFFICES of the COMPANY, King's Building, Connaught Road, on WEDNESDAY, the 7th day of March, 1906, at 12 o'clock Noon, to receive a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1905, and the Report of the General Managers, and to elect a Consulting Committee and Auditors.
The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 21st February to the 7th March, both days inclusive.
JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 13th February, 1906. [411]

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE CO., LIMITED.
THE THIRTY-SEVENTH ORDINARY MEETING of Shareholders in the Company will be held at the Company's Office, No. 3, Queen's Road Central, Victoria, on THURSDAY, the 8th March, 1906, at 12 o'clock Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ending 31st December, 1905.
The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 23rd instant to the 8th proximo, both days inclusive.
By Order
C. PEMBERTON,
Acting Secretary.
Hongkong, 16th February, 1906. [399]

CHINA TRADERS' INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the above-named Company will be held at the Registered Office of the Company at Queen's Building, Victoria, in the Colony of Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the Tenth day of March, 1906, at 12 o'clock Noon, when the Resolutions set out below, which were passed at the Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company held on the Sixteenth day of February, 1906, will be submitted for confirmation as Special Resolutions.
By Order of the Board.
JAMES WHITTALL,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 17th February, 1906. [398]

The following Article shall be substituted for Article 130, namely:—
130. The Board, through its Secretary, shall make Yearly Statements of the Accounts of the Company from the 1st day of January to the 31st day of December, 1905, each and every year, which shall be duly audited and presented to the Shareholders, at each of the Ordinary Meetings of the Company, together with a Report on the general position of the Company.
(2) That the Board, through its Secretary, shall make a Statement of the Accounts of the Company as from the 1st day of May, 1905, to the 31st day of December, 1905, which shall be duly audited and presented to the Shareholders at the next Ordinary Meeting of the Company to be held during 1906 and that, inasmuch as the Accounts of the Company have already been audited and presented to the Shareholders on the 30th April, 1905, no further or other Statements of the Accounts of the Company for the year 1905 shall be called for by, or presented to, the Shareholders in respect of Article 130 as this day substituted.
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AUCTIONS

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction, TO-DAY (SATURDAY), the 24th February, 1906, at 2.30 p.m., at his SALES ROOMS, Queen's Road, A FINE ASSORTMENT OF JAPANESE CURIOS, Comprising—
RARE SATSUMA FINE CLOISONNE, BRONZES, IVORIES, &c.
COTTON and SILK EMBROIDERED SCREENS.
&c., &c., &c.
TERMS OF SALE.—As Customary.
V. I. REMEDIOS,
Auctioneer.
Hongkong, 21st February, 1906. [463]

PUBLIC AUCTION.
THE Undersigned has received instructions from the CAPT. SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE, to Sell by Public Auction On MONDAY, the 26th February, 1906, at 11 a.m., at the CENTRAL POLICE STATION'S COMPOUND, SUNDRY OBSOLETE & CONDEMNED STORES.
Comprising:—
RICE, SUGAR, OLD METAL, CLOTHING, &c., &c., &c.
Also
A QUANTITY of SILVER, GOLD and DIAMOND JEWELRY.
TERMS:—As usual.
HUGHES & HOUGH,
Auctioneers.
Hongkong, 20th February, 1906. [454]

PUBLIC AUCTION.
PARTICULARS and CONDITIONS of the Letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held on MONDAY, the 26th day of February, 1906, at 3 p.m., at the Office of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of One Lot of Crown Land at Kowloon, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 years commencing from the 22nd day of January, 1906, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 75 years. [440]

PUBLIC AUCTION.
PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

Lot No. 1172. Area, 150 sq. ft. Annual Rent, 1000. [440]

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LINDSEY & DAVIS,
Alexandra Buildings, 3rd Floor.
Hongkong, 17th February, 1906. [82]

TO LET.
TO LET.
TOP FLOOR (5 Rooms) 19, Queen's Road (above Messrs. GREGOR & Co.'s Office). FIRST FLOOR (4 Rooms), YORK BUILDING.
Apply to—
KELLY & WALSH, LD.
Hongkong, 10th February, 1906. [398]

TO LET.
TO LET.
NO. 74, CAINE ROAD.
No. 2, MACDONNELL ROAD.
Apply to—
COMPRADORE'S DEPARTMENT
Nippon Yusen Kaisha.
Hongkong, 3rd June, 1905. [80]

TO LET.
TO LET.
TWO LARGE OFFICES on the First Floor of No. 34 Queen's Road Central, opposite the Post Office. Possession on or after the 10th December, 1905.
Apply to—
WONG CHEE SANG,
Care of YEE HANG PAT & Co.
Hongkong, 26th November, 1905. [107]

TO LET.
TO LET.
SEVEN EUROPEAN HOUSES, late R. Blackhead & Co. and Shewan, Tomes & Co.'s Offices. Ground Floors and Top Floors with Godowns can be let separately on leases.
Apply to—
CHUNG SHUN KOO,
First Floor, No. 10, Queen's Road Central Hongkong, 19th July, 1905. [81]

TO LET.
TO LET.
TWO GODOWNS, at East Point, close to the Water, suitable for the Storage of any Cargo.
Floor Area, 8,100 square feet each.
Apply to—
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Hongkong, 20th January, 1906. [256]

TO LET.
TO LET.
SPACIOUS GODOWN. Central position.
Apply to—
X. X. X.,
Care of "Daily Press" Office.
Hongkong, 22nd December, 1905. [108]

TO LET.
TO LET.
NO. 15, KNOTSFORD TERRACE KOWLOON.
Apply to—
THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY CO., LD.
Hongkong, 2nd December, 1905. [77]

TO LET.
TO LET.
BARROW TERRACE, (Kowloon) Nos. 1, 2, 4, 6, 7, 8, and 9.
SEYMOUR ROAD LOWER, No. 31.
CAINE ROAD, No. 35.
STONEHAVEN, Robinson Road, No. 35.
TANG YUEN, Macdonnell Road, No. 18 (12 Rooms).
ICE HOUSE STREET, No. 6 (1st Floor, 4 Rooms).
WAN CHAI ROAD, No. 94 (a Spacious Godown).
PRAYA EAST, No. 90, (Godown).
Apply to—
SAM WANG CO., LD.,
81, Queen's Road Central.
Hongkong, 6th February, 1906. [366]

TO LET.
TO LET.
HONGKONG CLUB.
TO LET.
TWO ROOMS on the Ground Floor of the Annex, from 1st September next, suitable for Office. For particulars apply to the undersigned.
C. H. GRACE,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 1st June, 1905. [110]

TO LET.
TO LET.
HOUSE, No. 5, ROSE TERRACE, Robinson Road, Kowloon. Immediate possession.
HOUSE, No. 2, ROSE TERRACE, Robinson Road, Kowloon. Possession from 1st March, 1906.
Apply to—
THE COMPRADORE,
Messrs. BARNETTO & Co.
Hongkong, 2nd February, 1906. [330]

TO LET.
TO LET.
HOUSE TO LET.
FROM May next, the Residence, No. 6, Morrison Hill.
Apply—
W. G. WINTERBURN,
Geo. FENWICK & Co., Ltd.
Hongkong, 21st February, 1906. [461]

TO LET.
TO LET.
NO. 1, BIPON TERRACE.
No. 5, CLIFTON GARDENS, Conduit Road.
No. 6, CLIFTON GARDENS.
OFFICES in course of erection, CONNAUGHT ROAD (near BLAKE FIRE).
GODOWNS; PRAYA EAST.
A BUILDING at Causeway Bay, formerly in occupation of the Steam Laundry Co., Ltd.
HOUSES in MORRISON TERRACE.
Apply to—
THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY CO., LD.
Hongkong, 13th January, 1906. [177]

TO LET.
TO LET.
NO. 1 and 2 HUMPHREYS AVENUE, Kowloon. With immediate possession.
Apply to—
HIP-ON INSURANCE CO., LTD.,
42, Bonham Strand West.
Hongkong, 22nd February, 1906. [470]

TO LET.
TO LET.
NO. 5, "FAIRVIEW," Robinson Road, Kowloon. Semi-detached House. Moderate rental.
"HOTEL MANSIONS," TWO ROOMS, on 1st Floor, suitable for Office.
HOUSES in ALSTON AVENUE, Kowloon. Rental \$50 per month and Taxes.
SHOPS and FLATS in Robinson Road, Kowloon.
"STOLZENFELS," PEAK. Bungalow and Tennis Court. From 1st May next.
Apply to—
HUMPHREYS ESTATE & FINANCE CO., LD.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 20th February, 1906. [390]

TO LET.
TO LET.
GOOD HOUSE, Partly Furnished. Hill District.
Apply—
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Care of "Daily Press" Office.
Hongkong, 13th February, 1906. [409]

TO LET.
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NO. 1, DES VUEX VILLAS, Peak.
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3RD FLOOR in Central position, containing Four Large Rooms, Anti-room and Lavatory &c., with use of Electric Lift. Well suited for Offices.
Apply to—
LINDSEY & DAVIS,
3rd Floor, Alexandra Buildings.
Hongkong, 7th February, 1906. [83]

TO LET.
TO LET.
SUITABLE for Office, ONE ROOM in Prince's Building.
Apply to—
LAUTS, WEGENER & CO.
Hongkong, 4th March, 1905. [84]

TO LET.
TO LET.
NO. 1, OBSERVATORY VILLAS, Kowloon. Five Roomed-House; Tennis Court, Electric and Gas Lights.
Possession on 1st March, 1906.
Apply to—
ARATON V. APCAR & Co.,
45, Wyndham Street.
Hongkong, 21st February, 1906. [462]

TO LET.
TO LET.
GODOWN, No. 3, NEW PRAYA, Kennedy Town.
Apply to—
HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY CO., LD.
Hongkong, 23rd June, 1905. [78]

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Hongkong, 27th June, 1905. [43]

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"GLENWOOD,"
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